

Message

From: Houda, Tara [Houda.Tara@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/20/2021 11:55:42 AM
To: Parker, William [parker.william@epa.gov]; Decker, Chris [Decker.Chris@epa.gov]; Hansel, Joel [Hansel.Joel@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: coolers

We can expect a round of 4/16 rad sample results from the Bay.

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From: Hudson, Tonya <hudson.tonya@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:47 PM
To: Johnson, Hunter <Johnson.Hunter@epa.gov>; Houda, Tara <Houda.Tara@epa.gov>
Cc: White, Cindy <White.Cindy@epa.gov>; Griggs, John <Griggs.John@epa.gov>; Franco, Benjamin <Franco.Benjamin@epa.gov>; Wellborn, Floyd <Wellborn.Floyd@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: coolers

Thank you, I will pass along this information to our sample receipt and preparation personnel. You are most welcome. We are always happy to help!

From: Johnson, Hunter <Johnson.Hunter@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Hudson, Tonya <hudson.tonya@epa.gov>; Houda, Tara <Houda.Tara@epa.gov>
Cc: White, Cindy <White.Cindy@epa.gov>; Griggs, John <Griggs.John@epa.gov>; Franco, Benjamin <Franco.Benjamin@epa.gov>; Wellborn, Floyd <Wellborn.Floyd@epa.gov>
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Yes, please only analyze the ones from 4/16 and do not analyze the ones from 4/15. Again, thank you for your help.

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Hello Hunter,

I just wanted to give you an update on the samples that arrived at NAREL today. We got 2 shipments.

Shipment 1 – Three coolers arrived by Fed-Ex. There are nine total samples among the three coolers which have a collection date of Friday, 4/16. These coolers were shipped by Matthew Bearden.

Shipment 2 – One cooler arrived by UPS. There appears to be 12 separate samples in the cooler which have a collection date of Thursday, 4/15. The cooler was shipped by Sarah Meyer. I am assuming this is the cooler that UPS “misplaced”.

It is my understanding based on your earlier email that NAREL is to analyze the 9 samples with a collection date of 4/16. The samples that arrived in the “misplaced by UPS” cooler with a collection date of 4/15 are NOT to be analyzed by NAREL. Please confirm that my understanding is correct.

Thanks,
Tonya

From: Johnson, Hunter <Johnson.Hunter@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Hudson, Tonya <hudson.tonya@epa.gov>; Houda, Tara <Houda.Tara@epa.gov>
Cc: White, Cindy <White.Cindy@epa.gov>; Griggs, John <Griggs.John@epa.gov>; Franco, Benjamin <Franco.Benjamin@epa.gov>; Wellborn, Floyd <Wellborn.Floyd@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: coolers

Thank you Tonya. We have communicated with FDEP multiple times that they do not need to continue to split the RAD samples and those should be the last samples you receive. UPS did “misplace” a sample shipment from last Thursday and we have no idea the status of those samples but if those do show up it probably is not worth analyzing them.

Again, thank you for your help!

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Subject: RE: coolers

Hello All,

We did not receive any samples on Friday, but we did receive three coolers today. I am guessing these are the ones that were collected on Thursday. We are going to proceed with processing these samples unless I hear otherwise. Also, if I understand correctly, these should be the last of the samples for us.

Thanks,
Tonya

From: Johnson, Hunter <Johnson.Hunter@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Houda, Tara <Houda.Tara@epa.gov>; Hudson, Tonya <hudson.tonya@epa.gov>
Cc: White, Cindy <White.Cindy@epa.gov>; Griggs, John <Griggs.John@epa.gov>; Franco, Benjamin

<Franco.Benjamin@epa.gov>; Wellborn, Floyd <Wellborn.Floyd@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: coolers

Hey Tonya,

Yes, I did have Floyd reach out to you. I spoke with our Regional Administrator and he agrees that if you could run the samples we would appreciate it. Truthfully, it is mostly just to be consistent with the approach of us requiring them to do splits. We have instructed FDEP not to split the Rad samples anymore so hopefully you will not receive any additional samples but I am not sure that message got to them before they sampled today. If for some reason you do receive samples from today please go ahead and run them also.

Thank you so much for your help and like I said, hopefully those will be the last ones. If you have any questions or need anything from me please let me know.

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Subject: RE: coolers

I'm looping in Hunter since he is the R4 management lead on sampling. I believe he had Floyd reach out to you, but defer to Hunter for confirmation regarding coordination.

From: Hudson, Tonya <hudson.tonya@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:41 PM

To: Houda, Tara <Houda.Tara@epa.gov>; Franco, Benjamin <Franco.Benjamin@epa.gov>

Cc: White, Cindy <White.Cindy@epa.gov>; Griggs, John <Griggs.John@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: coolers

Hello again,

I received the email below from Floyd Wellborn regarding the samples that arrived today. We will be more than happy to analyze the samples for gamma (radium-228) and radium-226 as before, just let us know if we should proceed.

Thanks,
Tonya

From: Wellborn, Floyd <Wellborn.Floyd@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:15 PM

To: Hudson, Tonya <hudson.tonya@epa.gov>

Cc: Johnson, Hunter <Johnson.Hunter@epa.gov>; White, Greg <White.Greg@epa.gov>; Houda, Tara <Houda.Tara@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: coolers

Good afternoon Tonya. I am writing to you to follow up on your question about the sample coolers you received today. The samples are indeed regarding the Agency's Region 4 response to the Piney Point site near Tampa, FL. I apologize if there has been insufficient communication about them so far. It is my understanding that one or more individuals from the Region 4 offices had reached out to your organization to run radiological analyses on the samples. Would you all be able to run the analyses on the samples for us? I infer from your earlier email about the lack of information in the coolers that there isn't a Chain of Custody with the samples. If not, let me know and I will track it down. And for the record, there shouldn't be any more samples for radiological analysis coming from the Regional response at the site.

Best regards,
Floyd

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From: Franco, Benjamin <Franco.Benjamin@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:15 PM
To: White, Greg <White.Greg@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: coolers

Greg:

NAREL received two coolers with samples. Are these associated with the split sampling from the Bay?

Respectfully,

Benjamin Franco,
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hudson, Tonya" <HUDSON.TONYA@epa.gov>
Date: April 15, 2021 at 12:11:19 PM EDT

To: "Franco, Benjamin" <Franco.Benjamin@epa.gov>, "Houda, Tara" <Houda.Tara@epa.gov>
Cc: "White, Cindy" <White.Cindy@epa.gov>, "Chambers, Zachary" <chambers.zachary@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: coolers

Hi Benjamin and Tara,

Two coolers just arrived at NAREL that I was not expecting. All the specifics we have about the coolers are in Zach Chamber's email below. Do either of you know if we were supposed to receive more samples from Piney Point or know Sarah Meyers? I have instructed Zach to not do anything with the coolers until I know more.

Thanks for your help,
Tonya

From: Chambers, Zachary <chambers.zachary@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:58 AM
To: Hudson, Tonya <hudson.tonya@epa.gov>
Subject: coolers

Hey Tonya,

Two coolers were just delivered via UPS priority overnight. The return address is:

Sarah Meyer
13051 Telecom Pkwy
Tampa, FL 33637

The tracking numbers on the coolers are:

1Z378R3W0170523943
1Z378R3W0170521070

I looked up some info about the shipment and it is:

The 2 coolers were picked up in Tampa at 7:52 pm yesterday and arrived here at 10:35 am today.

No further detail was available. Please let me know what to do with these coolers?

Thanks
Zach